Jail to tribal communities in Bihar who are unable to refund the loans

3326. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1000 tribal farmers, landless workers some workers belonging to tribal communities in Singhbhum District of Bihar are in Jails as they have failed to repay the loans taken from Government under various schemes;

(b) if so, the steps taken to help those tribals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government of Bihar and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-payment of BID amount by bidders

3327. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where Delhi Development Authority had tendered the physical possession of the auctioned plots and where there was delay in making the payment of the bid amount by the bidders;

(b) on what grounds these physical possessions of the plots had been given and what rate of interest is being charged;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in some of the cases the D.D.A. having demanded the balance amount of the bid amount and having issued the Five and more demand letters even to the inordinate delay of more than two years and after having accepted the full bid amount have not tendered the physical possession of the plots;

(d) if so, on what grounds the subsequent demand letters were issued to the bidders of the non- commercial plots; and

(e) what measures DDA is taking in such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Three.

(b) The auction bidders had represented to the Lt. Governor/Chairman, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) that the monetory situation was adverse in the money market and there was credit squeese by the Reserve Bank of India and in view of this had requested for softer terms for payment of the balance premium of 75%. The Lt. Governor constituted a Committee of officers of the Delhi Administration and the DDA for looking into the representation. Taking into consideration the recommendations of this Committee the DDA and the Lt. Governor, Delhi, it was decided that possession of the plots be delivered to the auction purchasers subject to the following conditions :—

(i) Payment within 90 days of such amount as would bring the total payment made equal to 50% of the bid amount.

(ii) The balance 50% of the bid amount and the interest for delayed payment to be paid in 5 equal and half-yearly instalments including interest at the rate of 18%—first half-yearly instalment payable within a period of 30 days from the date of notice or 120 days from the date of first notice for payment of 50% of the bid amount referred to in (i) above whichever was later.